



PAC Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2014

Chair Alex Walker calls the February 11, 2014 Harvey Milk PAC meeting to order at 7:03pm.

- I) Introduction, agenda, and endorsement qualification recap
- II) Graffiti and Vandalism Legislation, Connor – Legislative aide for Sup. Breed
 - a. Thank you for your work with us on clean power and the park legislation. Now we are turning our attention to combat graffiti and vandalism; a serious issue costing the city \$20 million annually. We reached out for creative solutions, and conducted a nation wide best practice search. San Diego takes pictures of graffiti and sends them to a data base. This compiled data offers new ways to make comparisons and spot trends. It also assembles evidence so you can sue in civil court for more damages. A city in Los Angeles in four years saw a 55% reduction in costs because of a program like this. Compiling data and suing in court is a preventive course of action - kid start sketching names at school, then progress to tagging in high school, and by college their in jail for robbery. 90% of graffiti is tagging, the same person, same tag.
 - b. Lets create a data base here. Sup. Breed’s legislative proposal would have graffiti images photographed and sent to a database managed by the SFPD. Some small regulatory changes are also in the bill to do things like ban spray paint at parks, or increase police staffing to manage the database. First we need to build up a process to handle a graffiti imagine database by 311 and the police, and then eventually we can create a public outreach campaign for people to send in pictures. This will create an atmosphere of public protection for public spaces.
 - c. Questions:
 - i. Tom; What sort of fine structure would we have? Connor - Those are set on the state level, but in this civil suit we could ask for reparation that is monetary but we could also make this about intervening in their lives, and ask for things like community service instead.
Trey; What about providing a space where individuals can tag or create public art? Connor, That’s a great idea and these public murals actually reduce tagging. Creating spaces for these activities is apart of the solution, but it is not the whole solution.

Motion to support London Breed’s office’s legislative proposal to compile a database of graffiti images failed to pass. 3 in favor, 4 against

III) Midtown Park Apartments - Mayor's Office of Housing, Joan Macamore

- a. The city obtained these apartments during foreclosure in the sixties. Recently the city has garnered refurbishing costs of \$4 million; a figure rising and only covering temporary repairs – not long term fixes. Mercy Housing now has the lease and does property management. Efforts are being made to more effectively administer rent and verify income.
- b. Sup. Breed’s legislative aide, Midtown Park Apartments Board Members, and residents from Midtown Park Apartments share stories, perspectives and experiences.

Letter in support of midtown park apartments and the affordable housing they provide read by Alex. Pac votes unanimously to sign onto the letter.

IV) No Wall on the Waterfront

- a. Thanks for your support of No on B & C; we won! Now we launched a height limit measure for this June Ballot. Signatures have been gathered and we qualified.
- b. This ballot will require any development which increases current height limits along the waterfront, from the Marina to Hunters Point, to go before voters for approval. We have the support of Sup Campos, the Sierra Club, and many more. This is a similar coalition to that as no on B & C. Our ballot will not allow another 8 Washington development. We are asking for the endorsement of this initiative; Tuesday March 18th, the earliest the Harvey Milk Club can make an endorsement.

V) Milk Club Questionnaire

- a. Alex issued members past questionnaires to review. Alex, “Lets crowd source ideas to make sure we’re asking the right questions of our elected officials. What do you want us to ask our state representatives? A list of ideas was compiled as follows:
 - i. Do you support including transgender healthcare in Covered California?
What do you intend to champion in office?
Do you support decriminalization of prostitution? Do you oppose criminalization of the customer?
Do you support laying of asphalt and fake grass in golden gate park?
What do you think of voting machines and internet voting/ online registration? What are your concerns about security?
What are your feelings on the death penalty? Marijuana?
What is your position on transgender bathroom protection?
What kind of prison reform would you like to see to deal with overcrowding?
Feelings on Prop 13 reform?

What is your position on high speed rail, water scarcity, and the delta tunnels ?

VI) New Business and Announcements

- a. Tenants convention "ballot" read off. The convention had 6 supervisors attend and called for innovative policy such as: an anti-speculation tax, an eviction moratorium, excess rents tax, legalizing illegal units, greater oversight, and more.
- b. Next Tues February 18th there is a rally and march in Sacramento (Visit Tenants together Website to register for a bus to Sacramento)
- c. Jamie Wolf is running for school board, been an elementary teacher for 8 years, now a school administrator. Stay tuned, the election is in November.
- d. Steven, This Tuesday at Churchill, SF F&B Industry mixer.